

Economics 425(L01) (International Trade)

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Textbook(s):

International Economics: Theory and Policy, 10th Edition by Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc Melitz. Pearson.

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International Trade: Theory and Policy, 10th Edition by Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc Melitz. Pearson.

Top Hat Monocle: A web-based clicker and online homework tool. Cost to University of Calgary students is \$0, including a phone number for SMS submissions to the site. <https://www.tophatmonocle.com>.

Book(s) on Reserve: N/A

Desire2Learn: This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca> through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Outline:

This course follows from, and builds on, Economics 321, International Trade I (but note that Econ 321 is NOT a prerequisite for this course). Economics 425 provides a detailed explanation of trade flows, gains from trade and trade policy measures and considers such issues as: comparative advantage; trade with economies of scale; strategic trade policy in the presence of imperfect competition; trade, growth and technological change; trade-related aspects of intellectual property; and trade, trade policy and the environment. The course examines the nature, causes and consequences of international trade in order to provide the basis for analysing aspects of trade policy such as: Canadian Commercial Policy (Trade and investment), regional preferential trading arrangements such as NAFTA and the European Union, and global trading arrangements such as the World Trade Organization.

A key focus of the course will be Canada's position in the world economy and the course will critically examine Canada's international trade and investment policy. A list of topics and accompanying readings will be made available during the first week of class

The Department of Economics offers two senior level international economics courses, Economics 425 (International Trade II) and Economics 423 (International Macroeconomics). Economics 425 provides

students with a more detailed explanation of trade flows and goes on to consider issues such as: strategic trade policy in the presence of imperfect competition; trade, growth and technological change; trade-related aspects of intellectual property; and trade, trade policy and the environment. Economics 423 examines international economics from a macro-economic perspective including the financial side of international economics such as exchange rates.

Topics Covered in the Course:

Part One: Introduction to International Trade

Chapter 1: Trade in the Global Economy

Chapter 2: World Trade: An Overview

Part Two: Patterns of International Trade

Chapter 3: Labour Productivity and Comparative Advantage: The Ricardian Model

Chapter 4: Specific-Factors and Income Distribution

Chapter 5: Resources and Trade: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model

Chapter 6: The Standard Trade Model

Part Three: New Explanations for International Trade

Chapter 7: External Economies of Scale and the International Location of Production

Chapter 8: Firms in the Global Economy: Export Decisions, Outsourcing, and Multinational Enterprises

Part Four: International Trade Policies

Chapter 9: Instruments of Trade Policy

Chapter 10: The Political Economy of Trade Policy

Chapter 11: Trade Policy in Developing Countries

Chapter 12: Controversies in Trade Policy

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning "Intellectual Honesty," "Examinations," etc. Students will normally be evaluated in accordance with the marking scheme given below:

Midterm exam (March 5, 2015):	15%
Assignments:	20%
Group project (paper):	30%
Paper proposal (due Jan 29):	5%
Paper (1 st draft due April 7, Final draft due April 14)	15%
Presentation	10%
Class participation (Top Hat Monocle):	5%
Final Examination	<u>30%</u>
	100%

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will apply:

A+	95 – 100	B	73 – 76	C-	60 – 62
A	85 – 94	B-	70 – 72	D+	56 – 59
A-	80 – 84	C+	67 – 69	D	50 – 55
B+	77 – 79	C	63 – 66	F	0 – 49

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Non-programmable calculators will be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, held in a classroom, lasting 2 hours.

Tests and exams will not involve multiple choice questions.

Notes:

- All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning "Intellectual Honesty," "Examinations," etc.
- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within fifteen days* of the work being returned to the class.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.
- Students who are unable to write the midterm because of an illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final examination. Documentation MUST be provided.

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics (S.U.E.):

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career partnerships with the Career Centre through hosting industry nights and information sessions, recognizing achievements in teaching, and organizing social events for members. They invite you to join by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call them at 403-220-3580 or email them at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns, including program planning and advice.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Online writing resources are available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/resources/writing-support>

Safewalk/Campus Security: 403 220 5333
Emergency Assembly Point: Social Sciences Food Court